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SUBJ: TRANSIT OF EAST EUROPEAN FISHING VESSELS THROUGH CANAL.

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1. POLISH FISH FACTORY SHIP LIBRA ARRIVED BALBOA CZ 4 FEBRUARY 1975 FROM ACAJUTLA, EL SALVADOR WITH 533 TONS FROZEN FISH (HAKE) AND FISH MEAL.

2. MASTER STATED FOLLOWING TO PANCANAL BOARDING OFFICER: LIBRA HAD BEEN FISHING OFF VANCOUVER AND ALASKA. THE CATCH WAS NOT AS GOOD AS THEY HAD EXPECTED. HOWEVER, THEY INTEND TO RETURN TO THE AREA. FOLLOWING PORT VISIT TO BALBOA, LIBRA WILL MEET POLISH REFRIGERATED CARGO SHIP HALNIAK IN PACIFIC AND CATCH WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THAT VESSEL AT SEA. COMPLETE CREW CHANGE WAS MADE AT ACAJUTLA. VESSEL NOW CARRIES CREW OF 97. VESSEL WILL RETURN TO CANAL ZONE IN JULY 1975 FOR NORTHBOUND TRANSIT EN ROUTE TO HOME PORT OF GDYNIA. MASTER'S NAME: TADEUSZ BARTEZECK.

3. LIBRA BERTHED IN BALBOA AND TOOK 450 TONS BUNKERS AND 250 TONS WATER. ON 6 FEBRUARY SHE MOVED TO THE ANCHORAGE
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IN BALBOA HARBOR IN ORDER TO MAKE MINOR REPAIRS TO THE

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BOILERS. SHIP'S AGENT ADVISES IT EXPECTS TO DEPPART FOR HIGH SEAS BY 9 FEBRUARY.

4. PANCANAL RECORDS ALSO REFLECT POLISH FISHING VESSEL DENEBOLA TRANSITED CANAL 1 JANUARY 1975 EN ROUTE FROM GDYNIA TO "NORTH PACIFIC". MASTER STATED HE DID NOT KNOW HIS EXACT DESTINATION AND THAT HE WOULD RECEIVE ORDERS AT SEA AFTER LEAVING CANAL. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THIS VESSEL WILL FISH OFF NWUSA.
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